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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Tone 1

St. Mary of Egypt

Martyr Agathopodes the Deacon and those with him



From the Fathers...

“If God is slow in answering your request, or if you ask but do not promptly receive anything, do not be upset, for you are not wiser than God.”

- St. Isaac of Syria



Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



Thou wast standing before the doors of the Church,/ polluted with evil and unable to enter./ Accused by thine own conscience, O wise one of God,/ thou wast converted to a better way of life./ Looking upon the icon of the blessed Mother of God,/ thou didst condemn all thy past sins, O Mother Mary,// and didst go to bow before the precious Cross.

Thou didst live alone in the wilderness,/ and as thou didst erase the images of sin from thy soul,/ God marked it with the imprint of holiness./ Filled with the spirit, O Blessed Mother,/ thou didst walk on the surface of the waters;/ by thy prayers thou didst ascend from earth to heaven./ Since thou standest before Christ, O glorious Mary,// entreat Him with boldness to save our souls! (*Stichera of Lord, I Call*)

TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,/ while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,/ Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,/ granting life to the world./ The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:/ "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!/ Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!"

Great Martyr George Troparion in Tone 4

As deliverer of captives/ and defender of the poor;/ healer of the infirm,/ champion of kings;/ victorious Great Martyr George,/ intercede with Christ our God;// for our souls' salvation.

St. Mary of Egypt Troparion in Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother,/ for thou didst take up the Cross and followed Christ./ By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;/ but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.// Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Resurrection Kontakion in Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,/ raising the world with Thyself./ Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished./ Adam exults, O Master!/ Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Great Martyr George Kontakion in Tone 4

As we the faithful flee to thee for refuge and seek thy protection and speedy help,/ We entreat thee, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing thy praises may be delivered from the snares of the enemy/ and from every peril and adversary,// that we may cry: "Rejoice, O martyr George!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

St. Mary of Egypt Kontakion in Tone 3

Having been a sinful woman,/ thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ./ Having attained angelic life,/ thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross.// Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,/ constant advocate before the Creator;/ despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,/ but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith./ Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,// for you always protect those who honor you!

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit

on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Sunday, April 5th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Live Stream)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Mary of Egypt

Hebrews 6:13-20, Ephesians 5:9-19

Mark 9:17-31, Matthew 4:25-5:12

Monday, April 6th

St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople

St. Methodius, Enlightener of the Slavs

Genesis 27:1-41, Proverbs 19:16-25

Tuesday, April 7th

Repose of St. Tikhon, Enlightener of North America

Martyr Calliopos at Pompeiopolis in Sicilia

Genesis 31:3-16, Proverbs 21:3-21

Hebrews 7:26-8:2, John 10:9-16

Wednesday, April 8th

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy (Live Stream)

Holy Apostles of the Seventy

Martyr Pausilippus of Heraclea in Thrace

Genesis 43:26-32, 45:1-16, Proverbs 21:23-22:4

Thursday, April 9th

Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Martyrs Desan, Mariabus, Abdiesus and those with them

Genesis 46:1-7, Proverbs 23:15-24:5

Friday, April 10th

Martyrs Terence, Africanus, Zeno and those with them

Martyrs Jacob, Azadanes, and Abdicius of Persia

Genesis 49:33-50:26, Proverbs 31:8-31

Saturday, April 11th

5:00 PM Great Vespers (Live Stream)

Lazarus Saturday

Hieromartyr Antipas, disciple of St. John the Theologian

Hebrews 12:28-13:8, John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 12th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Live Stream)

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

St. Basil the Confessor

Philippians 4:4-9, John 12:1-18



5 Keys for CHRISTIANS UNDER QUARANTINE

TAKE UP THE CROSS

How do we make sure that we take up this cross in such a way that it is in fact joined with the Lord's cross? How do we prepare now for the return to church?

1

DAILY PRAYER

It is utterly critical that you are practicing daily prayer, at least every morning and, God willing, every night, as well. You may not be able to participate in the sacrifice of the altar right now, but you can offer up the sacrifice of praise and asking for forgiveness and mercy at home.

2

PRAY TOGETHER

If you live with a family, pray together. Read the Scriptures together. Talk about your faith together. Right now, the community with whom they usually do these things cannot come together. But you are together. Do this together.

3

CARE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR

Set a schedule to practice care for your neighbor—your family first, then the people near you whom God has given you. Check in with them, ask what they need, if you don't make that into a habit now, you will be neglecting someone God gave you—and you should not be surprised if, when you are in need, you are also being neglected.

4

SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Figure out a way to be consistent in giving to God both through the church and also through other worthy outlets. Mail it in, give through PayPal, automatic bank draft—whatever it is you need to do, if you neglect this habit now, then you will be the kind of person who is not giving as God commanded.

5

CONNECT TO CHURCH LIFE

Finally, connect to church life in whatever way you can right now—live-streaming services, reading or listening to good things sent out from church leaders, spiritual books, etc. These things are not substitutes for being there in-person, but they are at least stop-gaps for the moment.

Adapted from "Prepare Now to Return to Church" by Fr. Andrew Stephen Danick

Guidance for COVID-19

Services of Holy Week

Per recent directives from our diocesan bishop, the following services of Holy Week and Pascha will be served:

Tuesday, April 14th	6:00pm	Bridegroom Matins
Thursday, April 16th	10:00am	Liturgy of Holy Thursday
Friday, April 17th	6:00pm	Vespers of Holy Friday
Saturday, April 18th	3:00pm	Liturgy of Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 19th	10:00am	Divine Liturgy of Pascha

All of these services will be **live streamed on Facebook** and finished recordings will be **uploaded to YouTube**. **Like, Share, Subscribe** to both to be notified when new postings are available. The schedule is also available online at our website.

When the "all clear" is given, the Archbishop will designate a Sunday on which we will celebrate in full Paschal Matins and Liturgy, regardless of what time of year it actually is.

Attendance at Services

Attendance at services is **limited only to those who need to be there**: the priest, a server, a reader, and a chanter. By directive of the Holy Synod there are signs on the entrances to both the church and the hall indicating that "no one may enter the building without the express blessing of the parish priest, due to the Covid-19 pandemic".

Confessions and Visitations

By directive of the Holy Synod, a blessing has been extended to forgo confession at this time. Due to restrictions put in place by hospitals, visitations are limited only to those who are very sick or dying.

Stewardship

We encourage you to continue giving your regular offerings during this time. Checks can be mailed directly to the church.

Heartbeat of Toledo

Heartbeat of Toledo has been forced to cancel their upcoming fundraiser in April and have been hit particularly hard with the recent economic downturn. We will continue collecting monetary donations for Heartbeat of Toledo through the remainder of Lent. Checks can be sent to the church and made out to St. George Cathedral (memo line "Heartbeat of Toledo").

New Look for stgeorgrossford.org

Have you seen our new website? After many months of diligent work, the new website is finally live. Please take time to take a look and explore the new features. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Lenten Psalter Prayer Group

We are asked to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). What better way than through the Psalms? The Hospitality Committee is excited to continue the spiritual practice of praying the Psalter this Lenten season. Contact Cindy Hopper or Sarah Allen for any questions.

Prayer Calendar

The Quarterly prayer calendar is now available online at: www.stgeorgrossford.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Prayer-Calendar-Q2.pdf

We are praying for...

Health and Well-Being:

Anthony, Maria, Tanya, Melissa, Kelly, Lawrence, Mary, Brian, Karen, Sandy, Panka, George, Cheryl, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

Catechumens:

Tim, Laura, Ethan, Naomi, Olivia, Daniel, Phoebe, Ezekiel, and Jachin.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit today in honor of all healthcare workers. May God protect and bless them!



Celebrations

Birthdays:

- Vicki Ghareeb (4/5)
- Ethan Barton (4/5)
- Jachin Barton (4/5)
- Elena Snodgrass (4/6)
- Brad Timofeev (4/9)

